

SUMMARY

Since 1960 major development in Kinston has occurred in a northwest direction and in a piece-meal fashion towards the east and west. Development since 1960 has mainly been residential development with transportation and service development expanding within existing areas. It was projected in the 1960 Land Development Plan that population growth should reach approximately 28,000 persons by 1970. This did not occur, however, land expansion has still occurred in Kinston. All classifications of land use have increased with the exception of undeveloped land and water areas; this land use classification has decreased approximately 15 percent.

In 1960 residential land accounted for 55 percent of the developed land. In 1971 residential land accounted for 51 percent of the developed land in Kinston. This decline is a decline in percentage only and it must be noted that there was a 1971 total acreage increase of 332.6 acres. In 1960, residential land use accounted for 5.08 acres per 100 population. A projection made then was for residential land to increase based on a projected population of 28,000. Residential land has increased and there are probably two main reasons. The first reason is that lot sizes in the new areas of residential development are much larger than in any other areas of Kinston. Secondly, residential land use growth has been in the form of single-family dwelling units as opposed to growth in two or more dwelling unit developments.